के अधिकारियों की एक टीम ने की थी तथा ऐसा पता चला कि जबलपुर में केबिल बिछाने में किसी प्रकार की अनियमितताएं नहीं बरती गई ।

(ख) और (ग) जी, नहीं । अन्य जन उपयोगी सेवाओं का खुदाई कार्य होने के कारण टेलीफोन केबिलें खराब हो जाती हैं । विभाग द्वारा इस बात का व्यापक प्रचार करने के बावजूद कि खुदाई एजेंसियां खुदाई करने से पहले विभाग को सूचित करें, ऐसा हो जाता है । केबिलें विभागीय मानदंडों के अनुसार बिछाई जाती है तथा केबिल बिछाते समय पर्याप्त रूप से देख-रेख की जाती है ।

Rehabilitation of Bhopal Gas Victims

870. PROF C. LAKSHMANNA:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Rs. 322 crore scheme has been drawn up by Government for the rehabilitation of the gas victims in Bhopal;

(b) the details of the aspects of rehabilitation that Rs. 322 crore scheme would cover;

(c) whether in addition to this sum of Rs. 322 crores, Unoin Carbide have also allotted some money for the rehabilitation of the gas victims and if so, what are the details thereof?

(d) the number of gas victims who qualify to be rehabilitated and the average amount that each such person would get: and

(e) the details of rehabilitation of each such person?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (e) According to available information, the number of persons affected by the gas leakage disaster at Bhopal exceeds 3,00,000. Government of Madhya Pradesh, apart from providing ex-gratia financial and other relief, has undertaken rehabilitation of the affected persons. Initially, the State Government had prepared a broad concept paper. Subsequently, a detailed project report for relief and rehabilitation of Bhopal gas victims has been prepared. This report includes schemes and projects which are directly related to relief and rehabilitation of gas victims in the short-term and includes ex-gratia financial and other reliefs, vocational training as well as schemes for providing suitable avenues for employment or self-employment. These would involve financial requirement of about Rs. 93 crores. In addition, other schemes and programmes having a long-term bearing on the rehabilitation of the gas affected areas, have also been identified, to improve the living conditions of the affected population, the implementation of which would involve about Rs. 78 crores.

Amendment of Indian Contract Act to protect consumers

871. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Indian Contract Act to protect the interests of consumers who suffer losses due to the failure of companies to honour the warrantly in goods purchased;

(b) whether the Law Commission has recommended such an amendment or for an enactment of a Bill in this regard;

(c) if so, by when an amending bill is likely to be introduced in Parliament;

(d) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what other steps Government propose to take to protect the interests of consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (e) The Law Commission in its 105th Report on 'Quality Control and Inspection of Consumer Goods' has recommended the enactment of a Bill to make provision for the testing of the quality of certain goods in the interest of consumers. According to the Commission, the provisions of the proposed Bill may be made applicable in the first intance to all electrical appliances, the manufacture of which is subject to the provisions of the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951. This Report was submitted to the Government on 30-10-1984. The Report has been translated into Hindi thereafter and cyclostyled, copies of the Report in Hindi and English have been laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha on 30-1-1985. Printing of the Report in Hindi and English is in progress. Meanwhile, the cyclostyled copies of the Report have been sent on 16-4-1985 to sixteen Ministries/ Departments who are concerned with the implementation of the Report and whose comments/suggestions are awaited.

The question whether the Indian Contract Act calls for amendment or not will be considered by the Government in the light of the comments/ suggestions received from the Ministries/Departments concerned.

Appointment of Managing Director in National Federation of Industrial Co-operatives

872. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Federation of Industrial Cooperatives (N. F. I. C.) is without a Managing Director for the last five years; and

(b) if not, the name of the person who has been appointed as Managing Director and when was he appointed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The last Managing Director of the National Federation of Industrial Cooperatives Ltd. relinquished charge in May, 1982 and since then the senior most and experienced officer of the Federation has been acting as the Managing Director. Government is taking all efforts to find a suitable candidate for posting as Managing Director on regular basis.

Output of Crude Oil from Bombay High

873. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the output of crude oil from Bombay High has been declining;

(b) what was the output, year-wise, during the last three years and expected during the current year; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to increase the output from Bombay High?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The details of production of crude oil during the last three years and anticipated production in 1985-86 are as under:—

(In Million Tonnes)

Year	Production
1982-83	12·88
1983-84	17·39
1984-85	20·13
1985-86 (RE)	29·61